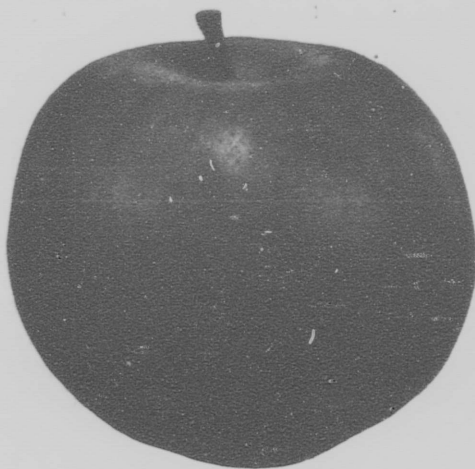


In the King of Tompkins, for example, the Massachusetts apple is markedly oblate, very smooth and regular in outline, with the basin or blossom and very slightly corrugated, if at all. The Nova Scotia Kings, on the other hand, while occasionally flattened, are typically rounding or approaching oblong in shape, very distinctly ribbed, and with the basin deeper and much more corrugated. These differences are shown fairly well in the accompanying cuts.

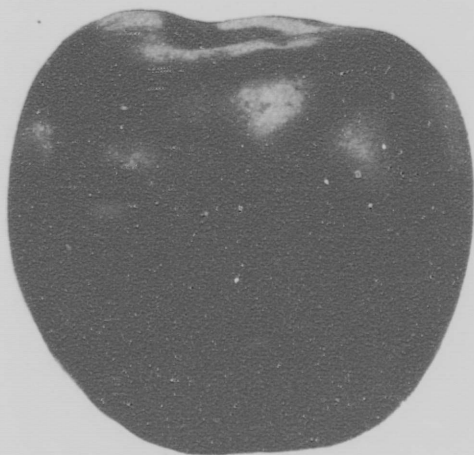
Baldwins show the same differences to even a greater extent. The Massachusetts apple is a very smooth fruit, rather oblate, with neither basin nor cavity corrugated to any extent; while our Nova Scotia Baldwins are proverbially rough in outline, are conic and approaching oblong in shape, and are always corrugated at the blossom end, and with the five points which mark the five ovaries always prominent. In color, too, there is a marked difference. While the Massachusetts fruit is a handsome scarlet, the Nova Scotia Baldwin is much darker, more of a



Massachusetts "Baldwin."

crimson, or even brownish or bronze.

In talking with my good friend Mr. R. W. Starr, who knows more about apples than any other half dozen men in Nova Scotia, I find that he had much interesting correspondence with the late Charles Downing (to whom he often sent fruit), on this very subject. Mr. Downing repeatedly expressed surprise at the much deeper color of our Nova Scotia apples, and the tendency of such sorts as Rhode Island Greening to have a flush on the cheek as grown here, while in his district they are practically green. He more than once named an apple incorrectly, owing to its higher color and more irregular shape. Mr. Downing considered the apples from Nova Scotia as of the highest flavor, and said that from only one other section, the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee, did he find them equal in quality. He attributed this difference largely to our cooler, more northern climate (the higher altitude of the Cumberland Mountains giving practically the same effect). President Schurman, of Cornell University, has



Nova Scotia "Baldwin."